

FINDS HIS OLD FRIEND AT WORK SAWING WOOD

City Councilman Doubts Accounts of Unemployment and Makes Investigation.
HE IS QUICKLY CONVINCED
Thought Situation Had Been Exaggerated; Now Says It Has Not Been Fully Told—Prompt Help Needed to Prevent Suffering.

J. C. E.	10 00
Cash	25 00
W. L. M.	5 00
Millwood	20 00
Received December 9	60 50
Previously acknowledged	170 00
Total received	\$240 00

Out of nearly a score of applicants for work who presented themselves at the central office of the Associated Charities yesterday eleven were written into the records and filed, and immediate attention was given to all, for as much as they needed work they needed food and clothing more. The length of time these men had been out of employment ranged from more than six weeks to one. Among them were numbers of engineers, machinists, painters and day laborers, and several of them had been out of work so long they had no more at home than a few scraps of coal and a few scraps of wood. No hope of getting anything except through the Associated Charities. In dependence on the charity they had been, they were now forced to ask for bread. And, as Dr. Buchanan, general secretary of the Associated Charities, said yesterday afternoon, it is not a time for constructive charity. It is a situation which must be met promptly and efficiently. If unnecessary suffering among hundreds of people is to be avoided and bread and other provisions are issued to every man and woman who makes appeal.

COUNCILMAN MAKES HIS OWN INQUIRIES
The public can have little real knowledge of the situation except through investigation. The distress of some is almost unbelievable. A member of the City Council visited the building of the Associated Charities yesterday morning, and was surprised when he read reports of the appeal, and more surprised when he went down into the basement and found one of his own friends at work sawing wood that he might earn a few cents. The councilman had thought, he said, that there was no distress in his own neighborhood, but here was a man whom he knew, who was a resident of his own ward, and the councilman saw and understood. And here now is the story of another man who had tried to find work and had failed. His letter, printed as he wrote it, except that the name is omitted. It may be seen at the Associated Charities.

HAS NO MONEY WITH WHICH TO PAY RENT
The letter follows:
"Dear Friend
I have a wife and three little children at home that have not bread to eat nor clothes to wear nor fire to keep them warm and I have been all over town and it seems impossible to get work and the real estate man says he is going to take what little furniture we have for house rent. I am plainly see I'm just forced to do something and for that reason Dear Friend I lay out condition before you and ask you to please give this your best consideration and help us if you can. We will do your rough washing at home or I will do anything about the house you want done now. I can give any reference if so desired as to my case. I am a worthy man and not. I trust you will help us and God will bless you I'm sure. Please accept our thanks in advance."
RENT IS PAID AND CHILDREN FED

Another family having five children, one of whom is only one month old, for help in their distress. A distress warrant against the husband for \$12.05. The rent, he writes, has been since November 14, and the agent has threatened to levy on his little stock of furniture if the rent be not forthcoming. He has already received a notice from the High Constable that the distress warrant will be served against him unless the rent be paid. The applicant is suffering from pleurisy. His eldest boy is only ten years old, too young to work, and there is no food in the house for the children. Provisions were sent immediately and Dr. Buchanan took charge of the written notification sent by the High Constable. He will see that the rent is paid. These cases are typical. In all there are hungry children involved, and the Associated Charities appeals for funds that the little ones may not suffer. A few dollars may save a whole family from distress and be supplied if distress and want are to be avoided.

GENEROUS RESPONSE
Because there may be many private appeals and in order that all relief work may be co-ordinated the board of directors asks that all applicants for help be sent to the Associated Charities, which is organized to meet just such an emergency. Under its direction all funds will be wisely distributed, and every family in need will be helped.
A generous response is being given to the appeal being made through the columns of The Times-Dispatch. One of the contributors, who signs the initials "J. C. E.", was particularly struck with the story of the old couple appearing in The Times-Dispatch on December 8.

"I am sending you my check for \$10, which I desire to be delivered to this old couple, the account of which was published in The Times-Dispatch of December 8."
Another writes: "I enclose \$5 for the unemployed. I read your article in to-day's Times-Dispatch, and wish to help some deserving person who wishes work and is unable to get it."
A third writes: "Please find enclosed small check for \$25, in aid of the unemployed."
One contributor, who prefers to remain anonymous, accompanied his subscription with the following letter:
"Sir—Please find enclosed my check for \$25. I am a member of the Associated Charities to the relief of unemployed in Richmond. My business puts me in touch with the situation as it exists here and I know what it is. It is very certain that the picture you have drawn represents the facts as they are. Indeed, the circumstances would feel ashamed, as a citizen of Richmond, to fail to contribute to this fund. My regret is that in my career of nearly 40 years I have not been more helpful."

COMPLIMENTS VIRGINIA
Takes Second Place in Mileage of State Roads Constructed.
Complimentary reference to Virginia's progress in road-building is made in an article appearing in the current issue of the American Motorist, a New York publication devoted to good roads.
"Road Progress Throughout the United States," is the caption of the article and the writer thus discusses road-building in the Old Dominion:
"Second place in mileage of roads constructed with the aid of State funds belongs to Virginia. In 1908, the total of 2,652 miles. By way of comparison it should be borne in mind that while the New York Highway department was established in 1908, that of Virginia was not established until 1909, thus giving the New York department a working period of sixteen years as compared with Virginia's eight years. On this basis progress made by Virginia compares favorably with that of New York, and stands out prominently as a really striking achievement."

IT'S A BITTER DAY IN THE TRENCHES



And There's Very Little Warmth in a Fire Like This.

THIRTY CONVICT CAMPS ARE AT WORK ON ROADS

Largest Force in State's History Now Building Its Highways.
PENITENTIARY IS PROFITABLE
Change From Shoe Contract to Making Overalls Gives State Larger Income From Much Smaller Number of Prisoners.

The annual reports of the superintendents of the Virginia State Penitentiary, the State convict road force and the State farm were submitted to Governor Stuart yesterday by the board of directors of the penitentiary, of which James D. Patton is chairman. The report of Superintendent Wood, of the penitentiary, shows that the State is deriving more revenue per capita from the labor of the convicts than ever before.

Under the contract that gives an overall manufacturing concern the more for the work of 600 prisoners than it got formerly from 1,200 employed in the shoe factory. Major Wood says in his report: "You will note that the gross receipts for hire of the prisoners was \$123,745.66, leaving a net balance of \$27,787.08, notwithstanding the change from making shoes to overalls, for which, if we had gotten full pay, we would have made a net gain of over \$39,000."

PER CAPITA COST REFLECTS INCREASED COST OF SUPPLIES
The per capita cost shows a considerable increase in the past year, which is accounted for by the increase in all lines of supplies. "All departments are running without friction, and the health of the prisoners has been remarkably good. Notwithstanding the number of punishments having been reduced to the minimum, the discipline is good." "The average number of men employed by the State convict road force has been 1,534, the largest force we have had at work up to this time. Included is this we show the largest number of prisoners that we have ever worked at any time before."

DOG CASE DISMISSED.
The case against Henry Pettit, charged with stealing two hound dogs from James T. Duke was yesterday dismissed in Police Court. The dogs were valued at \$50.
Fined \$10 and Costs.
William F. Pritchard, charged by Emmett Taylor, of the S. P. C. A., with cruelly beating a mule, was yesterday fined \$10 and costs in the Police Court.
Said to Have Used Pick Handle.
Frank Green, colored, was yesterday afternoon arrested by Policeman Thurman on a warrant charging him with assaulting and wounding Sidney Brown with a pick handle.

HIGHLAND PARK GETS BENEFIT OF ANNEXATION

Administrative Board Orders Extension of Water Mains Into Suburb.
MUST CROSS TOLL VIADUCT
Permission Asked of Virginia Railway and Power Company to Lay Six-Inch Main on Bridge—Barton Heights Supplied.

Highland Park, already materially benefited by annexation through the introduction of city police and fire protection, will shortly enjoy the benefit of a water distributing system. The Administrative Board yesterday directed Superintendent Davis, of the penitentiary, to extend a six-inch main across the Fifth Street viaduct. When completed, it will supply all of Highland Park up to Stuart Street, leaving only a small portion of the suburb to be supplied by the present system.

In order to carry the main across the valley, it will be necessary to secure from the Virginia Railway and Power Company permission to use the Fifth Street viaduct, now operated as a toll bridge. The board applied yesterday to President Wheelwright, of the company, for permission to carry out the improvement. It is not believed that the company will deny the board's request.

HAS TAKEN LEVELS IN HIGHLAND PARK
Superintendent Davis reported that he has taken the levels in Highland Park and found it will be possible to supply most of the suburb from the city system. The connection is to be made by extending the present main in Fifth Street fifty-five feet to the viaduct, laying a six-inch wrought-iron main across the bridge a distance of 1,300 feet and extending the pipe northwardly about 1,000 feet to Trigg Street.

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Main and Eighth Streets.

cavating and refilling trenches. He recommended that this money be taken from the special appropriation made recently for water improvements in the annexed territory. The installation of this improvement, Mr. Davis reported, will eliminate the necessity for pumping water from the deep well in Highland Park and save the city about \$10 a day. He reported also that city water has been introduced in Barton Heights, and that the reservoir of that section is now being supplied with city water. The well which has, until recently, been the source of supply for this reservoir, said Mr. Davis, has been discontinued.

Traffic Officer Stops Runaway.
Traffic Officer Clarke, at Ninth and Main Streets, yesterday dashed into the maze of traffic at that point and, grabbing the reins of a runaway horse, succeeded in bringing it to a stop before any damage had been done. The officer was dragged some distance before he managed to stop the frightened animal. The horse was hitched to a bakery wagon of C. and J. Gilillo and started to run some distance west of Ninth Street. The lives of pedestrians were endangered and considerable damage might have been done but for Clarke's prompt act.

A Revelation!—HOLSUM Pan Biscuits.
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Branded Peaches and Figs.
Branded Fruit Salad.
Branded Pears and Apples.
Branded Cherries and Pineapples.
Home-Made Mince-meat.
Fruit Cakes.
Chocolate Candles.
Plum Puddings in 1, 2, 3, 4-lb. sizes.
Imported Malaga Raisins.
Puffed and Layer Figs.
Stuffed Dates and Figs.
Huntley & Palmer Imported Fancy Crackers in boxes.
Huyler-Park & Tifford Candles (fancy boxes).

ARCHITECTS DISCUSS PRIZE COMPETITION

Preliminary Meeting Held, but No Formal Protest Is Made.
WOULD AVOID FUTURE ERRORS
All Designs to Be Placed on Exhibition—Those Who Failed to Win Prizes Want to Know What Criticism Was Made.

Participating architects who failed to win prizes in the recent municipal building design competition, met in the office of Charles M. Robinson, Inc., last night, to discuss informally the decision of the committee Friday night, awarding the \$1,000 prize for the best design to Carneal & Johnston. The architects met informally, and not in response to a particular call. The meeting preferred to withhold the names of the architects who were present. It was stated that several of the participants in the recent competition were in attendance.

"Each one of us is naturally very much disappointed that he did not take the first prize," said Benjamin A. Ruffin, of Charles M. Robinson, Inc. "Naturally we are also interested in knowing the criticism that was made of our designs and the faults they contained as compared with the winning design. **WOULD AVOID ERRORS IN FUTURE COMPETITIONS**
"We feel that we should be supplied with this information, so that we may be able to avoid making the same errors in future competitions. That is little enough to ask in view of the time and money each one of us expended in preparing the drawings for this competition."

Mr. Ruffin was asked if any criticism of the committee's award is contemplated. He replied that he could make no statement on this point, in view of the fact that the architects concerned have so far made no move in this direction. Until the architects hold a formal meeting for the purpose of discussing this phase of the competition, and decide as a body to file a protest against the committee's decision, it would serve no purpose, he said, to speculate on what may happen. "As far as I know, the architects who failed to win prizes have no ground upon which to take exception to the committee's decision," said Mr. Ruffin.

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Ruffin, "We assume that that the award was made in a regular manner. With the information that I have suggested, we should also like to be informed fully as to the proceedings that led up to the award. The report that we are meeting to-night to protest against the award that was made is incorrect."

BASIS OF DISSATISFACTION NOT YET MADE CLEAR
Intimations that there was dissatisfaction with the committee's award have been current since the committee's decision Friday night. The basis of the dissatisfaction, however, has not been made clear, and it has been generally attributed to the natural disappointment of those who failed to win prizes. Unofficially, criticism has been directed against the removal of the drawings by Advisory Architect Bossom from the City Hall to the Jefferson Hotel for examination. The program, however, made no restrictions on this point, and it is not believed that the spirit of the contract between the committee and the competitors was violated by such removal.

Complaint has been heard also against the use by the winning architects of cardboard of a size larger than the cards described in the program. The winners were the only ones that employed the large cards. It is stated, however, that in a supplementary circular sent to all competitors, Mr. Bossom authorized the use of larger cards than those specified in the program, at the option of the competitors.

WILL EXHIBIT ALL DESIGNS AT MANUFACTURERS' EXHIBIT
It is the purpose of the special committee on the proposed municipal building to exhibit all the designs that were submitted in the municipal space at the Manufacturers' Exhibit. Letters have been addressed to all the architects asking for permission to use their drawings in such a display. The first, second and third prizes provided by the program were awarded by the committee to Carneal & Johnston, Herbert L. Cain and W. Duncan L., respectively. The design of C. K. Howell was considered by the advisory architect, and the committee fourth best, and the author was sent a special letter of commendation. The other eight architects who competed were Carl Ruermund, A. F. Hunt, Asbury & Whitehurst, Remington & Rudolph, Charles M. Robinson, Inc., Marcellus E. Wright, Nolan & Baskerville and D. Wiley Anderson. Seven of the twelve competing architects have advised the committee that they have no objection to the display of their designs at the municipal exhibit.

Automobile Case Continued.
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Kolner to Speak.
Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Kolner will address the citizens of Chesterfield County in the auditorium of the Agricultural High School at Chester to-morrow afternoon at 8 o'clock. The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Business Men's League of the county, of which W. F. Burton is secretary.

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